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Subject: MicroSoft antitrust settlement

I, as do most persons I know, feel that this settlement is a mere slap on the wrist.

MicroSoft has done more to harm innovation, quell creativity, and limit consumer

choice than any company I have witnessed in my twenty five years working in the computer

and high tech industry.

I am astounded that they are being allowed to remain a single company marketing both operating system software as well as applications software. I've seen many software applications that were clearly superior and offered a legitimate alternative to MicroSoft products destroyed by MicroSofts' monopoly power and underhanded marketing practices.

If this settlement goes through it will be a sad day for justice. Mr. Gates thinks this is a fair settlement. That means they are getting off easy. A fair settlement would have him screaming.

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A computer without Windows is like a cake without mustard. - anonymous